STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality education and a safe, supportive school environment; and

WHEREAS; no student, educator, staff member, or administrator should ever be afraid to go to school; and

WHEREAS; whether bullying, harassment, discrimination, or gun violence, it is the responsibility of all Wisconsinites to work together on school violence prevention to ensure classrooms, hallways, and schools are safe and conducive for learning and teaching; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, the Office of School Safety, through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, announced the "Speak Up, Speak Out" School Safety Resource Center, a 24/7 tool that provides students, school staff, parents, and community members with a threat reporting system, threat assessment consultation, critical incident response, and general school safety guidance, and serves as a resource for students to report concerns about harming themselves or others; and

WHEREAS; promoting and upholding school safety is one of the highest priorities of the state, and this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to providing all schools and school districts with positive and safe climates for learning, teaching, and working;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 16 – 22, 2022, as

SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 23rd day of September 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State